

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

1 (currently amended): A precoated metal sheet comprising a metal or plated metal sheet having stacked, on at least one surface thereof, at least a coat layer and an organic resin layer, the ~~metal or plating of the plated metal sheet mainly comprising~~ consisting essentially of zinc and aluminum and the coat layer ~~mainly comprising~~ consisting essentially of one or both of a metal oxide and a metal hydroxide ~~each using a metal species exclusive of chromium, wherein said one or both of the metal oxide and the metal hydroxide do not contain chromium.~~

2 (original): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the average film thickness of said coat layer is 5 μm or less and the film thickness of said organic resin layer is 1 μm or more.

3 (currently amended): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, which comprises, on both surfaces of the metal or plated metal sheet, ~~mainly comprising zinc and aluminum, a said~~ coat layer having an average film thickness of 5 μm or less ~~and mainly comprising one or both of a metal oxide and a metal hydroxide each using a metal species exclusive of chromium~~ and, on at least one surface, an organic resin layer of 1 μm or more as an upper layer.

4 (previously presented): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coverage of said coat layer is from 50% to less than 100%.

5 (currently amended): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein said coat layer is ~~deposited like islands~~ in a form of islands.

6 (previously presented): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein cracks are present in the thickness direction of said coat layer.

7 (currently amended): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metal species of one or both of said metal oxide and metal hydroxide is one or more member selected from the group consisting of zirconium, titanium and silicon.

8 (previously presented): The precoated metal sheet as claimed claim 1, wherein the metal species of one or both of said metal oxide and metal hydroxide is titanium.